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Written by Norman Allen Inspired by the stories of Bret Harte

December 3 - 19, 2010

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- * The taking of photographs and the use of recording equipment of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- * Smoking is not permitted in the building.
- * In consideration to others and the performers, late comers may not be seated until an appropriate time during the performance.

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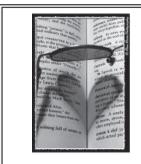
- * Show times: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm
- * Reservations may be made by phoning 964-5007. Please leave a message and a volunteer will call you back. Reservations may also be made online at tickets@ankenycommunitytheatre.com.
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The Christmas Foundling By Norman Allen December 3 - 19

The Long Red Herring

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The Odd Couple

By Neil Simon June 3 - 19 Audition Dates: April 3 & 4

Play On!

By Rick Abbott July 29 - August 14 Audition Dates: TBA

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So Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Season's Greetings, and Joy to the World!

A 🐜 And, by the way, thanks Harold for finding this wonderful (Å Christmas story for us to share this season. R

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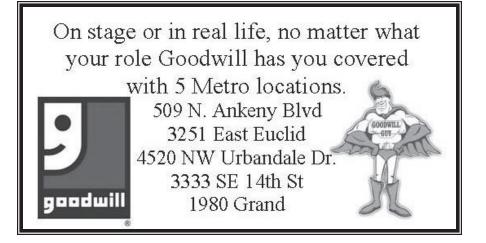
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CAST

In Order of Appearance

Old Jake Hoke Tom's Mother

Moscow Boston Georgia Tom Aunt Sarah Ken Reams Rodney Tomlinson Laurie Carnahan/ Patricia Walocko Kent Whitmore Mark Tuttle Jeff Hyler Matt Porche Dawn Hockemeyer

The Sierra foothills, California. A miner's cabin in 1850 to 1862.

There will be a 15 minute intermission between Act I and Act II.

Produced by special arrangements with Playscripts, Inc. www.playscripts.com

Production Team

Director Production Assistant Stage Manager Lead Tech & Sound Lights Set Construction Set Painting

Costumes House Manager Playbill Marketing Polly Taylor Patricia Walocko Laurie Carnahan Harold Mosier Tim Klingensmith Harold Mosier Mark Tuttle, Alisha Boughton, Dena Fleming, Jamie Fleming Lynn Arterburn, Cast Jerry Reid Lynn Arterburn Lynn Arterburn Sharon Anderson, Becky Plager, Kathy Polson

Special Acknowledgements

ACT appreciates the generosity of businesses and individuals in the Ankeny area who help support productions. The cast and crew of *The Christmas Foundling* would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to this show:

> Ankeny Area Historical Society - stove Rebecca Tuttle - photos Flowerama - greenery Fonda Darter - props Goodwill Industries - costumes & props Melissa Bullington - props

Thank you to Gail Sheridan and Bob & Doris Kuehl for serving refreshments during intermission.

Special thanks to those who helped decorate the theater.

Cast Biographies



Dawn Hockemeyer (Aunt Sarah) has enjoyed playing several roles at ACT. Favorites include: *The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase, And Then There Were None, Hankerin' Hillbillies,* and her very first role as Delightful in *Dearly Departed.* Dawn likes to read, play on Facebook, sew, ride bikes with her family, teach Sunday School and theater camp, and volunteer as a CASA.

She is employed part time at the Family Christian Store.



Jeff Hyler (Georgia) is happy to be returning to the ACT stage. He has appeared in *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Hankerin Hillbillies* and *The Christmas Carol*. Jeff's hobbies include swimming, camping, fishing, hunting, hiking and biking. Jeff is an 8th grader at Northview Middle School.



Matt Porche (Tom) is making his debut at ACT. He is a 7th grader at Parkview Middle School. Matt enjoys playing video games and reading. He has appeared in a school play at Parkview. Matt is the son of Michael and Tara Porche.



Ken Reams (Old Jake) is a familiar sight on venues throughout the Ankeny and Des Moines area. ACT audiences always enjoy the variety of roles that he has appeared in on our stage. Shows at ACT include *I Remember Mama*, *A Christmas Carol*, *And Then There Were None* and *Jekyll and Hyde*. Ken is married with 2 daughters and 4

grandchildren. He is a retired audiologist.



Rodney Tomlinson (Hoke) first appeared at ACT in 2009 in *Fools* and patrons heard his voice in *Saturday Night at the Drive-In* playing the part of Announcer. He has appeared in *The Good Doctor* at DMACC and *Last Will and Testament* for the Ankeny Elks Lodge. Rodney has been the home field voice for the JSPC Rams football team in Jefferson for fourteen

years. He is also the P.A. voice for the Des Moines Blaze, a semi-pro men's football team. His hobbies include softball, golf, and photography. He works for Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa in Public Relations. Rodney currently serves as Volunteer Chair on the ACT Board of Directors.



Mark Tuttle (Boston) is also making his debut on the ACT stage although he is certainly no stranger to ACT. Mark has been working behind the scenes since 2008 building sets and props. He is also responsible for much of the backdrop painting that appears in our productions. Mark is currently serving on the ACT Board of Directors. Mark has been

involved for 15 years with puppet productions. His hobbies include painting, photography, camping and bicycling. He is the pastor at Crossroads Church and is a professor at DMACC.



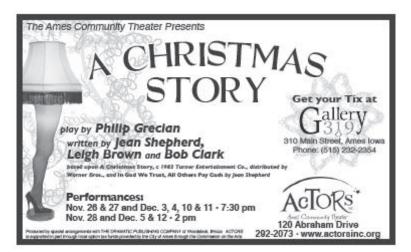
Kent Whitmore (Moscow) has done several shows with ACT over the years. Shows include *Leaving Iowa*, *Fools*, *The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase*, *Godspell*, and *Harvey*. When he's not on stage or working at Broadlawn's Medical Center, he enjoys walking, biking, watching old classic movies and TV shows, and working with youth. Kent is married to Vonnie. They

have two children, Alicia, and Bryce, and a daughter-in-law, Cassie. Kent is a current member of the ACT Board of Directors.



Polly Taylor (Director) is directing her second show at ACT. She debuted as a director for *Saturday Night at the Drive-In* this past August. She has been working behind the scenes at ACT since the 1998 production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940's*. She has been sound technician for many shows at ACT since then. She has performed producer duties for

several shows. Polly has appeared on stage in *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The Oldest Profession* and *Marqis Crossing*. She just completed her year as President for the ACT Board of Directors.



Contributions

Ankeny Community Theatre would like to thank the following individuals, businesses and foundations for their generous support of our organization during the 2010-2011 season.

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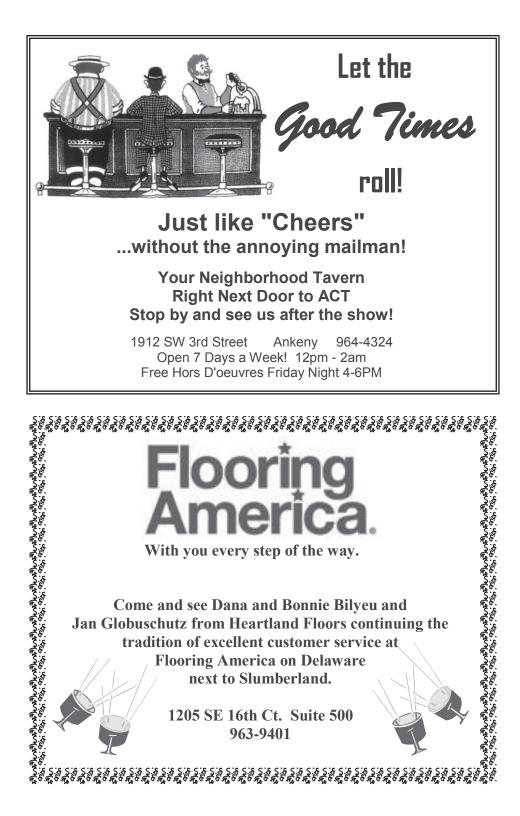
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- Costuming
- Set building
- ♦ Make-up
- Concessions
- Backstage work

You may also support the theater by purchasing season tickets or a membership. Check out the opportunities by picking up volunteer forms or season tickets and membership forms from the box office or visit our website. You may also call the theater and the volunteer coordinator will return your call. Make new friends, have fun with old friends, and know the satisfaction of being part of live theater.

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